

### SUBURBAN WATER RISE EFFECTIVE

Commission Holds Springfield Company's Rates Reasonable

### TESTIMONY REVIEWED

Owners Entitled to Fair Return on Investment Is Ruling

The Public Service Commission has made public the decision in which it approves the application of the Springfield Consolidated Water Company that it may increase its rates. The new schedule is effective today. The company supplies water to seven towns in Delaware and Montgomery counties.

The decision holds that the fire rates, which the municipalities in the district supplied by the company refused to shoulder, must be paid by some one and places the fire protection charges on the consumers. The commission's decision in part reads:

"From the testimony it appears that after a thorough investigation of the affairs of this company the commission established a schedule of rates to be effective after April 1, 1918, which was designed to return to the company a gross annual income of \$399,732, which sum was made up of \$262,500 for operating expenses, \$137,232 for depreciation and \$57,759 as an annual return of 7 per cent on the fair value of the company's property of \$7,893,350, and \$1,041,150, the estimated cost of improvements ordered. The order establishing this schedule indicated that the annual charge for fire protection service should be \$120,150, and for all other services \$719,582. It established a rate for fire protection service based upon an annual charge of the thirty-six municipalities served by the company of \$7 per hydrant and \$365 a mile of pipe four inches or greater in diameter, in each political subdivision where such

pipe furnishes actual or potential public fire service.

**Municipalities Owe \$168,000**  
"These rates resulted in very large increases to the municipalities for fire protection service, and a number of appeals have been taken from this portion of the commission's decision, in which no question is raised as to the fairness of the valuation or rate of return, or allowances for operating expenses or for depreciation. The municipalities, however, refused to pay the fire protection rates and have not included in their budgets the amounts necessary to meet them. The result of this is that the company has received for fire protection in 1918 only \$222,254, and there is due to it at this time about \$168,000 on this account. If it is to receive the annual revenue from this source as fixed by the commission, operating expenses for the year have been about \$40,000 more than the estimate, due largely to unexpected increases in costs, so that the annual revenue this year will be over \$200,000 less than the commission's estimate of \$377,589.

**Rate Not Unreasonable**  
"No matter what system is adopted, the fundamental fact remains that this service must be paid, either by the municipality itself, through taxes, or by those who use water, through rates. As an administrative policy we must provide for the payment for this service, and if the municipality refuses to pay the just charges for a service which it performs for its citizens we are compelled to include those charges in the rates, provided always that the rate thus obtained is not an unreasonable charge for the services rendered.

"The schedule that we are asked to approve fixes an annual rate for fire protection of \$12 per hydrant, being a charge in effect prior to 1918, and re-arranges the rates of the consumers so that each class is increased in varying amounts. In considering whether the charge to the consumer under the proposed rates will be just as reasonable we are confronted with the problem of determining what is a reasonable charge for fire protection to the individuals who comprise a community. We know of no rule for computing this which will result in absolute justice; certainly apportioning the charge on a property valuation does not do equal justice to all. If the consumers desire to have the charge met in this way the matter is in their hands, since they as a whole make up the various municipalities."

### 3800 TELEPHONES OUT OF SERVICE

Druggists Discontinue Pay Stations After Controversy Over Commissions

### REMOVED THIS MORNING

Bell Company Promises Early Relief by Installations in Other Stores

About 3800 pay station telephones in more than 1600 drug stores in this city went out of service this morning owing to the controversy over commission rates between the druggists and the Bell Telephone Company.

The estimate of telephones affected was made by David J. Reese, chairman of the committee of the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists, which has been leading the fight against new rates for druggists, in effect today.

Heretofore two commission rates have been in effect—one for druggists, the other for merchants other than druggists who had pay stations in their establishments.

The scale of commissions for the pharmacists was: Nothing on the first \$4.50 per month; 25 per cent on the next \$10.50, and 33 1/3 per cent on an amount in excess of \$15 a month. The lower to which the druggists object is: Ten per cent on the first \$15; 15 per cent on the next \$15, and 20 per cent on amounts in excess of \$30 a month.

The business men, with pay stations in the establishments, are responsible for any slugs and counterfeit money dropped into the pay station slots by patrons. P. C. Staples, division manager of the Bell Telephone Company, has declared the company will not back down on the

new commission rates, and that all phone booths would be removed as soon as the request was made. He said he did not believe one-half of the druggists would ask to have the pay stations taken from their stores.

The telephone company plans to place the booths in candy and confectionery stores. Company officials say the public service will not be hampered by the action of the druggists.

The protesting druggists will meet Friday next in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Tenth street above Race. They will confer on what action can be taken to have other telephone service established.

**August Belmont's Funeral**  
New York, April 1.—Services for August Belmont, Jr., who died Saturday, were held yesterday afternoon in the Church of the Assumption, Fifth avenue and Tenth street. The body was taken to Newport, R. I., last night, and will be buried there today in the Belmont family plot.

In the family group at the church were Mrs. August Belmont, Jr., Major and Mrs. August Belmont, Captain and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Belmont, Mrs. Charles Morgan, Mrs. Julia Nelson, Mr. Frank Wall, Dr. Samuel Lambert and Mrs. Raymond Belmont.

**5¢ Concha Size**

**3 FRINGS BROS CIGARS**

**7¢ Invincible**  
Per Box 50 Cigars \$3.25

## Darlington's 82d Anniversary

**Exceptional values in stylish Millinery at \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50.**  
Third Floor

**Women's \$2.00 Kid Gloves, \$1.65 pair**  
Real Kid Gloves in white only, 2-clasp, 3 rows of self embroidery.  
First Floor

**Women's \$2.25 Doeskin Gloves, \$1.85**  
One-clasp Washable Doeskin Gloves, self or black sewn.  
First Floor

**\$2.00 Curtains, \$1.25 pair**  
Three hundred and fifty pairs of White Voile and Marquise Sash Curtains with hemstitched and lace edges; 2 1/4 yards long.  
Fourth Floor

**\$1.25 White Cotton Net, 90c**  
White Cotton Net, 72 inches wide; a good quality which can be used for waists, afternoon and evening dresses.  
First Floor

**25c Veilings, 17c**  
Six hundred and twenty-five yards of Veilings in a popular mesh and colors at this reduced price.  
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**35c and 50c Handkerchiefs, 25c and 35c**  
Women's Pure Linen Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs reduced to 25c and 35c from 35c and 50c.  
First Floor

**Men's All-linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth 35c, 25c for, each**  
First Floor

**Tomorrow Only, All of Our Mary Ellen Dresses at a Reduction of 15%**  
The finest Dress made for girls of 6 to 14 years; hand work on every one; regular prices from \$8.75 to \$14.50—tomorrow only at a reduction of 15%; not more than two Dresses to one customer.  
Second Floor

**Children's \$9.00 Sweaters, \$7.50**  
All-wool Sweaters in rose, navy, buff, cardinal, coral; sizes 8 to 14 years.  
First Floor

**\$2.85 Cretonne Pillows for \$1.95**  
Cretonne-covered Pillows in a new shape.  
Fourth Floor

**Misses' \$39.00 Capes at \$25.00**  
Navy and Black Serge Capes with fancy vestees of contrasting shades of velour; deep crush cape collar which fastens on shoulder; misses' sizes.  
Second Floor

**Misses' \$25.00 Capes, \$18.50—Plain serge in navy and black, crush collar.**  
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**Mayonnaise Sets—Special at 40c**  
Glass Mayonnaise Sets with silver-plated tops and spoons; excellent for inexpensive gifts, favors, and the like. Special for tomorrow at 40c.  
First Floor

**\$12.00 Negligees, \$9.50**  
Crepe de Chine Negligees in the charming style shown; several pretty shades; frilling of crepe de chine around arms and neck; shirred back and front; finished with little rose buds; a special purchase for the Anniversary Sale.  
Second Floor

### The Fashions of Long Ago



They look odd now, these fashions of long ago, and Milady of 1919 garbed as are the figures in the illustration would attract considerable attention on a shopping tour up and down Chestnut Street.

And yet Chestnut Street has seen the time when no well-dressed woman would appear otherwise!

This store in the 81 years it has been serving Philadelphians has seen scores of fashion extremes come and go and has always been ready to meet the requirements of its patrons whether the current style demanded hoop skirts or very tight ones.

In honor of our 82d Anniversary we are holding this week a sale which is noteworthy for the quantity and variety of high-grade merchandise offered at money-saving prices. The special announcements for tomorrow are mentioned in this advertisement and new features will be announced daily. This sale closes Saturday evening at 5:30.

We cannot send these goods on memorandum, C. O. D., special delivery or subject to return. Mail orders will be filled while the lots last.

**All Corsets this week will be sold at 15% less than the regular prices.**  
Second Floor

**Children's \$3.00 Crepe Pajamas, \$2.65**  
Crepe Pajamas in pink, blue and white; sizes 2 to 6 years.

**\$2.00 Creepers, \$1.50**  
Creepers in pink, blue and white; sizes 1, 2 and 3 years.  
**\$2.50 Rompers, \$1.95**  
Straight-leg Rompers in pink, blue and white; sizes 2, 3, 4 and 5 years.  
Second Floor

**Bead Necklaces**  
Handsome Bead Necklaces so much the vogue, several colors, special **40c**  
Another lot of Bead Necklaces reduced to 80c each.  
First Floor

**\$8.50 Umbrellas, \$6.35**  
All-silk in black, navy, green, purple, garnet; attractive, high-grade handles.  
First Floor

**Children's Fancy-top Socks, 35c, 3 pairs \$1.00**  
Fancy-top Socks in a wonderful variety of colors.  
First Floor

**Table Cloths**  
All-linen Hemstitched Lunch Cloths in circular patterns:  
\$3.50 Cloths, 36x36 inches—\$2.75  
\$6.00 Cloths, 45x45 inches—\$4.25  
\$7.50 Cloths, 54x54 inches—\$5.50  
First Floor

**Dress Shields**  
Dress Shields in regular shape, Numbers 2, 3 and 4; also shirtwaist style; regularly \$3.00 dozen, **\$1.85** for  
First Floor

**Waists Worth From \$2.25 to \$25.00 At Just Half Price**  
A collection of Waists taken from our own stocks and comprising almost every style in silk and cotton materials, also some of flannel and linen. You can surely find a Waist which will please you in the lot and get it for just half the usual price.  
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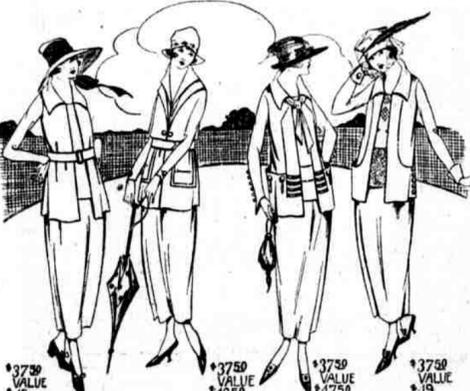
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Second Floor

### For Tomorrow, Special Attention is Directed to These MISSES' SUITS



**\$42.50 to \$49.00 Suits for \$37.50**  
Navy Serge Suits in four different styles as shown—box, belted, fitted and blouse; some lined in plain colors, others fancy; unusual vests of tricotine, silk or velour; all of the Suits are splendidly tailored; skirts peg-top or plain; if pockets are used on the jackets, the same idea is carried out on the skirts; sizes 16, 18 and 20. These are all new garments purchased especially for this sale.

**Misses' \$29.75 Sport Suits, \$22.50**  
Jersey Sport Suits with notch collar (not illustrated); fronts turned back in mannish style; novelty pockets; plain two-piece skirt with pockets; the jersey material used is good weight and non-sagable; sizes 16, 18 and 20 years.  
Second Floor

### Sale of Dress Materials

Crepe Georgette in flesh color and white, all-silk, heavy, washable, \$2.50 grade for, **\$1.65**  
White Broadcloth Silk, 32-inch; heavy Tub Silk for waists, dresses, suits, men's shirts; \$2.50 grade for, **\$1.90**  
Foulard Silks of fine quality and double width in black-and-white and navy-and-white; Printed Silks are very popular this season and these are in most attractive patterns; \$2.25 grade for, yard, **\$1.55**  
Crepe de Chine, 40 inches wide; black, navy, marine, Belgian, brown, taupe, tan, plum, white, flesh color, pink; suitable for waists, dresses, lingerie; \$2.75 grade for, yard, **\$1.85**  
Genuine Chinese Shantung Pongee, all-silk, natural color; for waists, dresses, shirts, draperies; 33 inches wide; \$1 grade for, yard, **68c**  
White Novelty Cotton Voiles in pretty stripes, checks and figured effects; 36-inch; 75c grade for, yard, **55c**  
Chiffon Cotton Voile, fresh and white, soft as silk; 39 inches wide; \$1.50 grade for, yard, **95c**  
All-wool Navy Serge, 50 inches wide for suits and capes; \$3.50 grade for, yard, **\$2.95**  
All-wool Navy Serge, 50 inches wide, for summer suits and one-piece dresses; \$3.50 grade for, yard, **\$2.50**  
First Floor

**75c Towels, 60c**  
Pure Linen Huckaback Towels, 18x36 inches.  
First Floor

**\$4.75 Comforts—\$3.95**  
**\$5.50 Comforts—\$4.95**  
**\$6.50 Comforts—\$5.65**  
Bed Comforts covered with silkoline, those at the higher prices with sateen borders.  
Fourth Floor

**Women's 85c Combination Suits, 69c**  
Ribbed Combination Suits, cotton, tight or loose knee; 69c for regular sizes worth 85c; 85c for extra sizes worth \$1.00.  
First Floor

**\$16.00 Windsor Chairs, \$12.75**  
A fine Chair for living room, breakfast room or sun porch; s' yleshown; regularly \$16.00; in the Sale at \$12.75.  
Fourth Floor

**\$45.00 Turn-leaf Table, \$37.50**  
Mahogany Turn-leaf Chippendale Tables, beautifully carved.  
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A new month's Victor entertainment! Here are popular songs with the swing and sentiment and touches of humor that make them really popular; and catchy dance music that stirs the feet to action.

Delightful new numbers, too, by famous and exclusive Victor artists. Braslau sings a dreamy little plantation melody; Caruso thrills with a great march song of the French soldier; the Flonzaley Quartet plays an exquisite Mozart number. Alma Gluck and Efreim Zimbalist present a tender penitential hymn; Jascha Heifetz contributes a remarkable violin solo, and Schumann-Heink sings an impressive number inspired by army bugle calls.

Below you will find the complete list of these new Victor Records—and remember, any Victor dealer is willing to play any of them for you.

| Number   | Size  | Price     |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Croon, Croon, Underneath de Moon                               | 64799 | 10 \$1.00 |
| The Regiment of Sambre and Mouse                               | 88600 | 12 3.00   |
| Quartet in D Major—Andante (Mozart)                            | 74579 | 12 1.50   |
| In the Hour of Trial   | 87300 | 10 2.00   |
| On Wings of Song   | 74583 | 12 1.50   |
| Taps   | 87299 | 10 2.00   |
| Festival Te Deum—Part 1  | 35674 | 12 1.35   |
| Festival Te Deum—Part 2  | 35674 | 12 1.35   |
| Ja-Da  | 18522 | 10 .35    |
| Alcoholic Blues  | 18522 | 10 .35    |
| That Wonderful Mother of Mine                                  | 18524 | 10 .85    |
| Salvation Lassie of Mine                                       | 18524 | 10 .85    |
| I'll Say She Does—Fox Trot (Piano, Xylophone, Saxophone)       | 18527 | 10 .85    |
| You're Some Pretty Doll—Fox Trot (Piano, Xylophone, Saxophone) | 18527 | 10 .85    |
| When Daisies Pied and Violets Blue                             | 18528 | 10 .85    |
| (1) She Never Told Her Love (2) Orpheus With His Lute          | 18529 | 10 .85    |
| Some Day I'll Make You Glad                                    | 18529 | 10 .85    |
| Singsong   | 18530 | 10 .85    |
| Johnny's in Town   | 18530 | 10 .85    |
| My Barney Lies Over the Ocean                                  | 18531 | 10 .85    |
| Mammy's Lullaby—Waltz  | 18531 | 10 .85    |
| Sweet Hawaiian Moonlight—Waltz                                 | 18531 | 10 .85    |
| Mickey (Violin, Cello, Piano)                                  | 18532 | 10 .85    |
| Kisses—Fox Trot (Violin, Cello, Piano)                         | 18532 | 10 .85    |
| Come on Papa—Medley One-Step (Dry Your) Tears—Medley Fox Trot  | 18533 | 10 .85    |

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